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FOLLOWING TELEGRAM FROM AMMAN DATED JANUARY 8, 1978 SENT  
SECSTATE WASHDC IS REPEATED TO YOU: QUOTE

S E C R E T AMMAN 0223

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, PGOV, JO, XF

SUBJECT: HUSSEIN'S QUESTIONS

REF: A) SECTO 13132, B) STATE 004773, C) STATE 004774,  
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1. I WAS IN TOUCH BY PHONE WITH KING WHO IS AT HOME  
AND AT THE END OF OUR CONVERSATION TOLD ME HE WAS  
BEING HEPT IN BED BY DOCTORS AS A RESULT OF RETURN OF  
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UNSTEADY HEART BEAT WHICH TENDS TO BOTHER HIM FROM  
TIME TO TIME. HE TOLD ME THAT HE WAS FEELING BETTER  
TODAY AND THAT THE DOCTORS HAD ASSURED HIM THAT HE  
WOULD BE FINE TOMORROW. I EXPRESSED CONCERN AND  
GOOD WISHES FOR HIS EARLY RECOVERY.

2. I PASSED ON TO HIM POINT IN REFTTEL A) CONCERNING

DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES AND FOLLOWED WITH INDICATION THAT WE WOULD BE "FOLLOWING UP" WITH SAUDIS ON HIS MILITARY NEEDS.

3. ON MILITARY ISSUE, I TOLD HIM WE WERE EXPRESSING TO SAUDIS GENERAL CONCERN ABOUT PRESSURES HE FACES AND NEED FOR SUPPORT. I PARTICULARLY SINGLED OUT OUR WILLINGNESS TO MENTION TO SAUDIS GUARANTEE OF CREDIT PROGRAMS WHICH HE HAD ALREADY RAISED WITH THEM.

4. FINALLY, I PASSED ON TO HIM THE NEWS IN REFTEL D) THAT WE WOULD PROVIDE FOR EARLY DELIVERY OF HOWITZERS DUE HERE IN MAY. I CAUTIONED HIM ABOUT SPEAKING TOO WIDELY IN THE AREA CONCERNING THESE, AND WHILE HE WONDERED FOR WHAT COUNTRY THEY WERE DESTINED, I LEFT THE QUESTION UNANSWERED.

5. KING WAS OVERALL VERY PLEASED WITH WHAT I HAD TO TELL HIM AND WANTED ME TO CONFIRM AGAIN THAT SECRETARY WOULD BE FULL PARTICIPANT IN JERUSALEM AND THAT DECLARATION WOULD BE A CENTRAL FOCAL POINT OF OUR EFFORTS. I CONFIRMED THIS. HE THEN PASSED ON TO ME HIS UNHAPPINESS ABOUT CROWN PRINCE FAHD'S RECENT INTERVIEW WITH BARBARA WALTERS (SEPTTEL).

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6. HE ALSO TOLD ME THAT HE WAS DEEPLY DISAPPOINTED WITH UAE RESPONSE TO HIS REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE IN REBUILDING JORDAN'S CENTURION TANKS. HE SAID UAE HAD OFFERED SUM OF MONEY SO PALTRY THAT HE HAD SUGGESTED TO EMISSARY (UAE COURT CHIEF) THAT UAE HAD BETTER KEEP THE MONEY. HE THOUGHT THAT THIS MIGHT WELL BE UAE'S ONLY ANSWER TO HIS REQUEST AND THAT BARGAINING WAS NOT INVOLVED. PICKERING UNQUOTE VANCE

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